

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of

Makoto SUZUKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: 10/758,014

Examiner: T. NGUYEN

Filed: January 16, 2004

Docket No.: 117499

For: EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

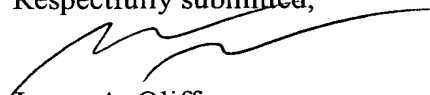
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Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement mailed January 10, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect the Species of Figure 6. Applicants submit that claims 1, 2, 6 and 8-20 read on the elected Species of Figure 6. It is submitted that at least claims 1, 2, 6 and 9-20 are generic to all species. This election is made without traverse. However, Applicants request rejoinder of non-elected claims 3-5 and 7 when claim 1 is allowed.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on January 16, 2004 and February 3, 2005. It is requested that the Examiner consider the references and return initialed Forms PTO-1449 to Applicants' representative.

Respectfully submitted,


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